

# Chippewa County 4-H Messenger

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## Michigan 4-H: 100 Years and Growing!

In 2002 the nation celebrated 100 years of 4-H. 2008 marks the 100th year of 4-H in Michigan. Throughout the year there will be celebrations. The new logo **4-H forever** will be utilized in many programs.

**4-H forever** captures a timeless 4-H state of mind that is continually learning, growing and applying knowledge to "make the best better."

**4-H forever** is all about programs that help guide youth toward successful tomorrows. **4-H forever** is about young people who care about their clubs, their communities and their world.

**4-H forever** also describes the caring volunteers who make a long-term difference in the lives of youth.

### 4-H is Forever

4-H is the largest educational youth organization in the world. 4-H aims to develop the potential of youth through involvement of parents and volunteer leaders, who provide young people with a variety of learning experiences within their own communities. The 4-H Program is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In Michigan, 4-H is sponsored by Michigan State University Extension Service. Over 200,000 young people are 4-H members throughout our state and live in the country, on farms, and in the cities and suburbs.

While the root of 4-H is firmly set in agriculture and home economics, today the



possibilities are expansive, flexible, and appeal to a multitude of interests.

A new logo and slogan has been created to capture the excitement of 4-H. 4-H forever is helping young people make a difference in the world. 4-H forever has wonderful adult volunteers helping achieve a long-term and lasting impact on youth.

## Chippewa County is all over the map this winter...

Greetings 4-H Families!

It has been an exciting winter for Chippewa County 4-H. Members have been covering all corners of the state, from Minneapolis Hill to Lansing, and Kettunen Center near Cadillac to Iron Mountain!

Included are tales of their travels, and ventures across the state. It is awesome how much clubs and members are taking advantage of programs offered within our county and state-wide.

As we start to thaw out and

move on to spring, please do not hesitate to stop by the office or give us a call with any questions or ideas. It is just one way we'll continue to strive to "make the best better."

-Andrea

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## Exploration Days—June 18-20, 2008

**Who:** All youth at least 11 years old as of January 1, 2008 are invited to attend

**What is Exploration Days:** Exploration Days is an annual MSU pre-college program held on the MSU campus that attracts about 2500 participants from all 83 counties. During 4-H Exploration Days, youth develop valuable skills, make new friends, and get involved in lots of fun activities. Participants choose from over 200 action packed sessions from their interest areas.

**When:** Wednesday, June 18 - Friday, June 20, 2008

**Note:** Chippewa County participants leave Tuesday morning to travel to Lansing. We will be chartering a bus with participants from Luce & Mackinac Counties, and riding together.

**Registration:** Begins Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 9 a.m.

**Note:** The earlier you get your reservation in, the better your chance is of getting your first choice. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. You can turn your paperwork into the MSU Extension office before March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Registration forms are due by May 2, 2008.

### **Cost:**

\$165 – Fee covers all event activities, two nights of lodging, a T-shirt, and meals from Wednesday Lunch to Friday lunch.

\$20 – Early Arrival Fee - covers Tuesday lodging and Wednesday breakfast.

~\$50 – Bus fee. Covers transportation to and from bus drop off point (St. Ignace)

### **Scholarships:**

Each 4-H Exploration Days participant can request a scholarship from the Chippewa County 4-H Council. Scholarships are for up to half of the event fee.

**Ps.** Chippewa County has been granted 15 scholarships in the amount of \$40 from the State 4-H office to be used for Exploration Days!!

Letters of request can be mailed to: Chippewa County 4-H Council

c/o Andrea Caron

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**Michigan 4-H: 100 Years & Growing!**

**4-H forever**

**Come to Michigan State University  
on June 18-20, 2008,  
for 4-H Exploration Days!**

Choose from many action-packed learning sessions in areas such as:

- Adventure Education
- Food, Nutrition and Fitness
- Animal Science
- Environmental and Outdoor Education
- Arts
- And more!

Enjoy evening recreational activities and experience living on a college campus!

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/expodays.html>

You'll appreciate the fun, the friendship and the learning.

**Don't wait...**

4-H Exploration Days registrations are due in your county MSU Extension office by May 2, 2008.

Invest in yourself and your future. Attend 4-H Exploration Days 2008!

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## 4-H Family Tubing Day—A morning of FUN!

Our first 4-H Family Tubing Day was held February 2, 2008. Over 130

4-H families and members gathered for a morning of tubing at Minneapolis Woods Recreation Area. The event was sponsored by Chippewa County 4-H Council and Michigan State University Extension. It was a great chance for clubs through



**Anna Pfeiffer—ready to go down the hill.**

out Chippewa County to meet, have fun, and get to know each other better.



**Members of Rosedale Rascals 4-H club join the fun!!**

## Green & White Show

submitted by members who attended

The U.P. was well represented at MSU on Saturday, January 26th. **Tiffany McCord**, **Abbie Galloway** and **Christy Galloway**, all of Pickford, attended the Green & White Swine event at the MSU Pavilion, competing in Quiz Bowl, Skillathon, Essay and Power-Point competitions. With one Senior-age member and two Junior-age members competing on a senior quiz bowl team, they won two rounds to land themselves in the finals against Clinton County. It was an exciting day, and the team did well, relinquishing the title by only one question!

By the end of the day, with the second place Quiz Bowl finish, two second places in Essay, a first and third place in skillathon, and an Overall Youth Award, the announcer was starting to recognize the Galloway name and knew that the U.P. was there! So, do you know how many bushels of corn are consumed annually by U.S. swine? Ask any of these three gals—they all know the answer!

For the rabbit part of the Green & White Show, the



U.P. was also well represented. With **Tiffany McCord** and **Lauren Megquier** of Chippewa

County showing Polish rabbits. Tiffany McCord went home with Best of Breed and Best opposite of Breed; Lauren Megquier's rabbits also showed very well. There was a good showing of rabbits in the Youth Scholarship auction and they all went for very good prices.



## Bring Some the World: Host a Japanese Youth

What's the best way to learn about another culture without ever leaving home? Bring the world to you! Every summer, 4-H partners with the Japanese Labo organization to bring Japanese children ages 12 to 15 to the United States to spend 4 weeks living with an American family. This year, 57 children will be traveling to Michigan on

July 26th—August 22nd. They will be matched with host brothers or sisters of about the same age with similar interests. There is no cost to the host family outside of food and perhaps small gifts to send back to Japan. Take advantage of this opportunity to make friends for a lifetime! To learn how you can participate, call or email

Andrea Caron, or visit the Extension office to pick up an application packet.

More information about 4-H International Programs can be found at:

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/interex.html>

*"Bring the world to you!"*



## Teen Club is heading to Missouri!!

Chippewa County 4-H Teen club is traveling! This year's exchange destination is Vernon County, Missouri. Club leaders, Barb Hillock and



**St. Louis Arch:  
Missouri's famous  
landmark!**

Elaine Love are venturing south with five teens. In 2009, the teens hosting from Missouri will be traveling to Chippewa County.

What a great way to meet fellow 4-Her's from through out

our country! If you are a teen and interested in joining the Teen Club, let Andrea, Barb or Elaine know. The club does a variety of activities through out the year with emphasis on citizenship and volunteerism.





## Chippewa County Achievement Day—April 19th, 2008

Chippewa County 4-H Council is hosting their annual Open House in conjunction with Achievement Day on Saturday, April 19th at Bruce Township Hall.



**4-H Members at the 2007 Achievement Day!**

This is an opportunity for the community to see what 4-H entails and also for 4-H members to exhibit and receive credit for their winter projects.

The Open House will include a variety of activity areas for youth to take part in. Such activities

include face painting, testing your knowledge in quiz bowl, wood burning, autograph hunt, shooting sports, a “fish pond,” tree give-away and groundwater education.

The “Achievement” part of the day will include judging of projects 4-H clubs have worked on since the fair. Members are encouraged to bring their projects to be judged. Improvement, if needed, can then be made before entering the 2008 fair. There will be demonstrations on horse first-aid and care by Chippewa County 4-H clubs.

### Schedule of Events

9:30-10 am	Registration & Set Up
10 am–noon	Open House Activities & Achievement Day
Noon-1pm	Potluck Lunch Please bring a dish to pass

In addition, materials will be available for club leaders to use for growing their clubs.

The day will be very hands on, with a variety of educational opportunities. Please support Chippewa County 4-H by attending the 2008 Open House/Achievement Day.

## Livestock Developmental Committee

submitted by Joanne Galloway

*“The week at camp was one of the best weeks of my life!”*

*—Rachel, Oakland County*

You’ve heard about it here and there for years, many have wondered what it is, and many have confused it with the fair board livestock committee. The 4-H Council standing committee known as the Livestock Developmental Committee has been revamped! In the past, the com-

mittee has raised funds through the adult pig showmanship and have used funds to support a pizza party at the fair, offer scholarships to youth attending 4-H Livestock events, and sponsor past livestock fitting and showing clinics. The 4-H Council wants the committee

to remain and be a viable supporting body for our livestock clubs. What will the exact focus be? That can be up to you—we are looking for committee members. You do not have to be a council member. Any parent or leader is welcome. Call Andrea if you would like to get involved!

## 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp— a GREAT opportunity

4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp is an annual MSU pre-college program held July 27-August 2, 2008 on the northern shores of Lake Huron in Presque Isle, Michigan. This camp provides teens from across the state the opportunity to have fun in the great outdoors and to:

- Increase aware-

ness, appreciation and understanding of natural resources ecology and management.

- Learn to enjoy, teach about and provide leadership in natural resources, especially the aquatic environment and the Great Lakes.
- Be motivated and see value in becoming good stewards in local natural resources projects.
- Develop career and personal interests in natural resources ecology and management.

MSUE 4-H Program Associate, Andrea Caron, will be at camp all week! She’ll be helping with all aspects of camp, along with teaching a session on forestry.

More information at:

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/glnrc.html>

Call for more information & a brochure.

**Scholarships are available!**



## Mount-Up 4-H Club goes to Horse Bowl

Four members from Mount-Up 4-H Club competed in the U.P. Horse Bowl on March 1st held in Iron Mountain. Led by a mother-daughter 4-H volunteers, **Karen Shunk** and **Amber Smith**, the team of 4 had been studying night and day to prepare. 4-H Members who participated in Horse Bowl include:

**Harmony Bailey**  
**Natalie McGuire**  
**Morgan Rowe**  
**Justas Hill**

The Junior Novice team won **2nd** overall out of five teams!! That is **AWESOME** for their first year going! In addition, Harmony Bailey had the **highest** number of points in the individual competitor in the junior novice division, and Justas Hill had the **5th** highest amount!

We are excited to have Chippewa County represented by the members and volunteers of Mount-Up and look forward to their future success as they are planning for next years' Horse Bowl!

## Horse Enthusiasts: Parelli Clinic to be held in Stalwart, MI



The Parelli method allows horse lovers at all levels and disciplines to achieve: success without force, partnership without dominance, teamwork without fear, willingness without intimidation, and harmony without coercion.

There is a special \$30.00 flat fee for 4-H Groups!  
(Group must have list from MSUE office.)

Contact Tami Kokko-Wojnaroski or Alanna Wojnaroski to sign up for the clinic or to get more information: (906) 647-6508  
polfin@lighthouse.net, polfin@live.com or koda6508@yahoo.com

## 4-H'ers enter MI Youth Photo Contest

Michigan Week Youth Photo Contest

focuses on discovering and documenting

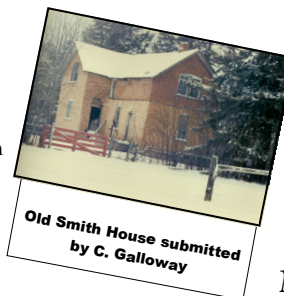
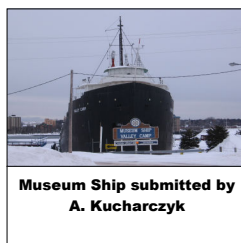
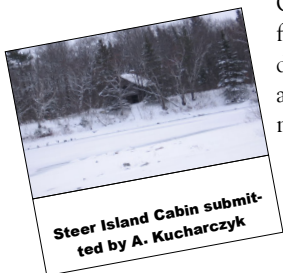
Michigan's rich history by photographing

historic sites 50 or more years old. In the 9-12 age category, Chippewa County was well

represented. Congratulations to Andrea Kucharczyk of Rough Riders 4-H Club and Christy Galloway of

Noah's Ark 4-H Club for entering in this year's contest.

Their photos entered are shown here. Best wishes and thank you for your effort!



"...focuses on discovering and documenting Michigan's rich history..."

## Community Spirit Award from Old Mission Bank

The 2007 Community Spirit and Community Pride Awards, which recognize persons and organizations from around the Eastern U.P. that make a difference in the lives of others, were recently awarded by Old Mission Bank. 2007



Pictured here (l-r) are Andrea Caron, David E. Firack, Pres/CEO Old Mission Bank, & Bruce Beaudoin

Community Spirit Award presentations were made to four local entities, two of which are Chippewa County Community Foundation Participants. \$500 was awarded to Chippewa County

4-H youth program to be used for clinics and trainings.

**Thank You** Old Mission Bank for supporting our county 4-H program, especially as we celebrate 100 years of 4-H in Michigan. 4-H members, please also thank Old Mission Bank personnel for supporting our programs when you see them.





## Additional 4-H International Exchange Opportunities

Application forms are now available for the upcoming year of 4-H International Exchange opportunities.

### **Belize 4-H Exchange:**

Host families are needed for 6 to 8 teen delegates from Belize and an adult chaperone. Their stay will be from approximately June 18-July 9. An outbound trip to Belize will feature a one week sight-seeing in the country and on

the Belize Cays. This is not a tourist-type trip, but a chance to experience the culture of a developing country. Approximate cost is \$1750. Ages for the Belize exchange are 15-19. The deadline to apply is April 1st.



### **Poland 4-H Exchange:**

Participants will travel to Poland for a month long stay with host families from June 20-July 18. Delegates will visit local sites and learn about the culture and people of Poland. Two days will be spent in Warsaw. The approximate cost is \$2000. The exchange is for ages 14-19.

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As part of  
our annual  
4-H council and club  
fundraiser, over 1,300 Easter  
Eggs were sold in Chippewa  
County! That is EGG-  
xcellent! Good work all!

Jan will call when the eggs  
are "hatched" (delivered)  
and ready for pick up.

## Upcoming Opportunities

Event (local events in bold)	Date	Location
4-H Poultry Workshop	March 8-9	Kettunen Center
4-H Capitol Experience	March 9-12	Lansing/Capitol
Family Science 2008	March 15-16	Kettunen Center
<b>REGISTRATION for Exploration Days Begins!!</b>	<b>March 18</b>	<b>MSUE office</b>
U.P. Leadermete	April 4-5	Iron Mountain
<b>Chippewa County 4-H Council Meeting</b>	<b>April 7</b>	<b>MSUE Office</b>
2008 4-H Dairy Conference	April 11-13	Kellogg Biological
Bi-State (Ohio & Michigan) Poultry Clinic	April 12	Sation
<b>Chippewa County Achievement Day</b>	<b>April 19</b>	MSU Campus
4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training	April 19-20	<b>Bruce Township Hall</b>
4-H Companion Animal Workshop	April 26-27	Kettunen Center
EXPLORATION DAYS	June 18-20	Kettunen Center
<b>Parelli Training</b>	<b>June 21-22</b>	MSU
Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp	July 27-Aug. 2	<b>Stalwart</b>
<b>Chippewa County Fair</b>	<b>Aug 24-Sept. 1</b>	Presque Isle <b>Fairgrounds</b>